

REMARKS

The following remarks are fully and completely responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003. Claims 6, 14 and 15 are pending in this application with claims 1-5 and 7-13 canceled by the present Amendment. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-3 and 7-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and claims 4-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). No new matter has been added. Claims 6, 14 and 15 are presented for consideration.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-3 and 7-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Streck (U.S. Patent No. 4,916,532). This rejection of claims 1-3 and 7-13 has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims. The amendment of claim 14 to depend from new claim 15 overcomes the rejection of this claim as discussed below under the subheading "New Claim." Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 4-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Streck (U.S. Patent No. 4,916,532). This rejection as to claims 4 and 5 is rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims. The rejection of claim 6 has been overcome by the amendment of this claim to depend from new claim 15. For at least the reasons discussed below regarding new claim 15, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

New Claim

New claim 15 has been added to claim the present invention.

Claim 15 recites terminal equipment connected to a cable television station of a cable television to receive a cablecast signal for television programming delivered from the cable television station. This equipment includes a master terminal including a first tuner section for receiving a cablecast signal for television programming delivered from the cable television station and applying an image signal produced from the cablecast signal to a first television receiver. At least one second tuner section receives a cablecast signal for television programming delivered from the cable television station and outputs an image signal produced from the cablecast signal. A radio-transmitter section is connected to the second tuner section to radio-transmit the image signal output from the second tuner section. The second tuner section has a selector subsection for switching between a terminal connected to a picture-recording device and the radio-transmitter section to apply the image signal to the terminal or the radio-transmitter section. At least one slave terminal includes a radio-receiving section for receiving the image signal transmitted from the radio-transmitter section of the master terminal and applying the image signal received by the radio-receiving section to a second television receiver. A message signal outputting section outputs a message signal for displaying a selecting state of the selector subsection on the second television receiver, to transmit the message signal through the radio-transmitter section to the slave terminal, when the selector subsection is switched to send the image signal from the second tuner section to the picture-recording device.

Applicants have carefully reviewed Streck and could find no disclosure and/or suggestion of a message signal outputting section that displays the selecting state of the selector subsection on the second television receiver by outputting a message signal to the slave terminal when the selector subsection is switched to send the image signal from the second tuner section to the picture-recording device.

Accordingly, Streck fails to teach and/or suggest the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of new claim 15 and claims 6 and 14 which depend thereon.

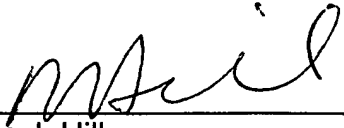
Conclusion

Applicants' amendments and remarks have overcome the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated August 14, 2003. The cancellation of claims 1-5 and 7-13 renders moot the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. Applicants' remarks have distinguished new claim 15 and claims 6 and 14, which depend thereon, from Streck. These remarks overcome the rejection of claims 6 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. Accordingly, claims 6, 14 and 15 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 6, 14 and 15.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, making reference to attorney docket number 107156-00018.

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